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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the heading on page 1, line 3 as follows:

~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Please amend the heading on page 1, line 12 as follows:

~~BACKGROUND ART~~ 2. Discussion of the Related Art

Please amend the heading on page 3, line 1 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the heading on page 15, line 1 as follows:

~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the heading on page 17, line 1 as follows:

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~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 41, line 17 and ending at page 42, line 13 to read as follows:

-- Next, the number of the real coins C to be inserted will be changed. As shown in Fig. 1, if the screw 221 is loosened and the lock piece 222 is rotated clockwise, the lock piece 222 moves away from the axis receiving board 203, and the rocking member 191 can now rock. If the rocking member 191 is raised and the engaging clutch convex portion 128 is pressed by a finger through the long hole 181, the engaging clutch convex portion 128 separates from the first engaging recess 166 of the switching member 150. As shown in Fig. 6, if the switching member 150 is rotated in the other direction (Y direction; clockwise) at this time, the engaging clutch convex portion 128 engages with the second engaging recess 167, and the rotating body 90 is positioned. If the second engaging recess 167 engages with the engaging clutch convex portion 128 of the rotating body 90, the second coin containing section 154 separates from the first coin containing section 140 of the rotating body 90, and the left guide

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member 160 overlaps with the first coin containing section 140 so that the coin containing section 135 only comprises the first coin containing section 140. At this time, since the diameter of the guide edge 168 of the left guide member 160 is substantially the same as that of the coin C, the guide edge 168 overlaps with the periphery of the coin C stored in the first coin containing section 140. Also, the tip 215 of the pressing piece 211 of the first press piece member 192 projects into the first coin containing section 140 through the clear hole 191 197 of the rocking board 195, the notch 180 in the lid member 170, and the first engaging recess 166 of the left guide member 160. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 14 and ending at page 43, line 11 to read as follows:

-- When two real coins C are inserted from the coin slot 35, the two real coins C are stored in the coin containing section 135 (the first coin containing section 140). The two real coins C sit on the partition member 175. That is, when the rotating body 90 is at the initial position where the coin slot 35 of the body 2 and the opening 85 ~~of the body 2~~ meet, the coin C inserted from the coin slot 35 is prevented from moving to the coin

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passage 143 by the partition member 175 and is stored in the first coin containing section 140 (coin containing section 135), since the partition member 175 is facing the other end 137 of the first coin containing section 140 (coin containing section 135).

At this time, the two real coins C are pressed by the engaging clutch piece 100 by the tip 215 of the pressing piece 211 of the first press piece member 192. Thus, the upper end 109 of the engaging clutch piece 100 moves to a position where it does not engage with the side 6 of the body 2. ~~As shown in Fig. 10, if If~~ the handle 250 is operated and the rotating body 90 is rotated in one direction (X direction; counterclockwise), the two real coins C contact with the stop claw members (the first locking member) 43 and 44, and the guide edge 168 contacts with the stop claw members (the first locking member) 41 and 42 simultaneously.

Since the stop claw members (the first locking member) 41-44 are moved to the opposite of the stopping direction against the elasticity of the first elastic member 50, the engaging clutch edge 47 of the stop claw members (the first locking member) 41-44 does not stop the first stopping edge 116 of the stopper piece 115, and rotation of the rotating body 90 is not prevented. The rotating body 90 is then rotated the rest of the way in a similar manner to when four coins are stored. --

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Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 51, line 26 and ending at line 31 to read as follows:

-- As shown in Fig. 20, a coin passage 482 which is connected with the coin containing section 481 and in which a coin C falls to the coin-return opening 325 is formed in the rotating body 390. Partition members (also called as "coin stoppers" and "maintenance arms") 395 and 396 which partition the coin containing section 481 and the coin passage 482 are formed in the body 302. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 53, line 9 and ending at line 18 to read as follows:

-- As shown in Fig. 20, the coin passage 482 which is connected with the coin containing section 481 and in which a coin C falls to the coin-return opening 325 is formed in the rotating body 390. Moreover, a pair of coin stoppers (also called as "partition members" and "maintenance arms") 395 and 396 are provided between the coin containing section 481 and the coin passage 482. The pair of the coin stoppers 395 and 396 can move to

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a closed position P1 to prevent the coin C from falling and an open position P2 to allow the coin to fall, and are pressed toward the closed position by fourth elastic members 407 and 417. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 61, line 9 and ending at line 21 to read as follows:

-- As shown in Figs. 17 and 18, the rotating body 390 comprises a disk-shaped substrate 391 and a guide member 450 attached to the rear surface 392 (the side which does not contact with the rear surface 326 of the front wall 311) of the substrate 391 by a fixing device 479 such as a screw. An axis of rotation 394 inserted into the axis hole 320 of the case 303 is rotatably provided substantially at the center of the front surface 393 of the substrate 391. A pair of maintenance arms (also called as "partition members" and "coin stoppers") 395 and 396 is formed at both sides of the front surface 393 of the substrate 391, surrounding the axis of rotation 394. The maintenance arms 395 and 396 are bent and project inward, and have the center axes 397 and 398 in the lower part and stopper pins 401 and 402 in the upper part. --